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GENERAL GEORGE S. BROWN, USAF  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
at  
THE RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION 1976 CONVENTION  
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I'm very grateful for this opportunity to speak to you today. I feel like I'm among friends -- as indeed I am. It's always a special pleasure to speak to a group that I feel comfortable with, and with which I can feel a sense of comradeship.

We have a lot in common, of course, having shared many of the same experiences and sensed many of the same concerns.

- You all know firsthand the tremendous responsibility of protecting our country and insuring its strength. In fact, each of you has borne a part of that responsibility. We have shared that burden.
- You can recognize from your own experience how complex the national security equation has become -- and how complicated it has made the military's role. We have shared that knowledge.
- You have learned at close quarters why preparedness is essential for our country's future -- and seen the awful costs of unpreparedness. We have shared that lesson.